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SEATTLE, Nov. 7, 2012 -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] and Guggenheim Aviation Partners today announced an agreement for Boeing to convert three 767-300ER passenger airplanes to freighters. The Boeing Converted Freighters (BCF) will be delivered to Guggenheim Aviation Partners in 2013.

Boeing will manage and engineer the project with the actual conversion taking place at ST Aerospace's subsidiary, ST Aerospace Services Company (SASCO) in Paya Lebar, Singapore.

"We believe the 767-300 Boeing Converted Freighter, with performance characteristics similar to a 767 production freighter, provides a flexible, economic and attractive option for the medium haul freighter market and we look forward to delivering this to our clients in 2013," said Steve Rimmer, CEO, Guggenheim Aviation Partners.

The conversions mark the first time that a 767 with Blended Winglets from Aviation Partners Boeing will be converted to a freighter. The 767-300BCF is the only 767 conversion that is compatible with performance-improving Blended Winglets.

The 767-300BCF with Blended Winglets has cargo capability of up to 52 tonnes at a range of approximately 3300 nautical miles (6115 kilometers) at 412,000 pounds (187,000 kilograms) maximum takeoff weight. The Blended Winglets provide about 5.5 percent fuel savings on a 3000 nautical mile mission. There are 24 pallet positions on the freighter's main deck.

"Guggenheim has been a key Boeing customer for both converted and production freighters," said Dan da Silva, vice president, Freighter Conversions, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "We are excited to have Guggenheim as a new customer for the 767-300BCF and the first for a 767BCF certified with Blended Winglets."

A 767-300 passenger airplane undergoes major modifications for a conversion to freighter configuration. A side cargo door and surround structure are installed, the main deck floor is strengthened and the wall and ceiling liners are replaced. New floor panels and freighter tracks are added as provisions for a buyer-furnished cargo handling system.

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